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TO: LYNETTE OBREGON

Firstgroup America, Inc. 600 VINE ST STE 1400 CINCINNATI, OH 45202-2426

RE: Process Served in Illinois

FOR: First Transit, Inc. (Domestic State: DE)

#### ENCLOSED ARE COPIES OF LEGAL PROCESS RECEIVED BY THE STATUTORY AGENT OF THE ABOVE COMPANY AS FOLLOWS:

TITLE OF ACTION: Re: JEANIE A. MCSWAIN // To: First Transit, Inc.

CASE #: 2022L007660

NATURE OF ACTION: Personal Injury - Vehicle Collision

PROCESS SERVED ON: C T Corporation System, Chicago, IL

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# IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Case No.

2022 L 007660

Name all Parties

JEANIE A. MCSWAIN

Plaintiff(s)

FIRST TRANSIT, INC. AND MARIAN R.

BYRD,

Defendant(s)

First Transit, Inc.

CT Corporation System, Registered Agent 208 S Lasalle Street, Suite 814

Chicago, IL 60604

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# IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, LAW DIVISION

| JEANIE A. MCSWAIN, Plaintiff,   |                     |
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| ,   | 2022L007660         |
| V.  | Case No             |
| FIRST TRANSIT INC., an Illinois<br>Corporation AND MARIAN R. BYRD,<br>Defendants. | JURY TRIAL DEMANDED |

# **COMPLAINT AT LAW**

Plaintiff JEANIE A. MCSWAIN, by counsel KENNEDY WATKINS LLC, complains of defendants FIRST TRANSIT INC. AND MARIAN R. BYRD as follows.

# PARTIES & JURISDICTION

- 1. Plaintiff Jeanie A. McSwain resides in Griffith, Indiana.
- 2. Defendant First Transit Inc. (hereinafter "First Transit") is an Illinois Corporation doing business in Cook County, Illinois.
  - 3. Defendant Marian R. Byrd resides in Cook County, Illinois.
- 4. At all relevant times, Defendant Marian R. Byrd was acting within the scope of her duties as an agent/employee of Defendant First Transit.
- 5. At all relevant times, Defendant First Transit owned and operated a white 2020 multi-passenger Bus with VIN number 1FDEU6PG8LKA44862 (hereinafter "Pace Bus").
  - 6. All the events described herein transpired in Cook County, Illinois.

### **FACTS**

- 7. On November 12, 2021, Plaintiff Jeanie A. McSwain was driving a 2008 yellow school bus headed eastbound on S South Chicago Avenue near Stoney Island Avenue in Chicago, Illinois.
- 8. At that time and place, Defendant Marian R. Byrd was driving the Pace Bus headed southbound on Stoney Island Avenue near S South Chicago Avenue and 79<sup>th</sup> Street in Chicago Illinois.
- 9. As Plaintiff approached the intersection, she had the green light and the right of way to make a left turn from S South Chicago Avenue onto Stoney Island Avenue.
- 10. At that time and place, Defendant Marian R. Byrd, failed to yield the right of way to Plaintiff Jeanie McSwain, and as a result crashed into the right passenger back of the 2008 yellow school bus Plaintiff was driving.
- 11. As a result of Defendant Marian R. Byrd crashing into the back of Plaintiff's vehicle, plaintiff suffered serious injuries.

# COUNT I - NEGLIGENCE (Jeanie A. McSwain v. First Transit Incorporated)

- 12. Plaintiff realleges paragraphs 1-11 of this complaint as if fully set forth herein.
- 13. Defendant First Transit, by and through its agent and/or employee Marian R. Byrd, owed a duty of reasonable care to all other road users in the operation of the Pace Bus, including plaintiff Jeanie A McSwain.

- 14. In violation of the aforementioned duty, Defendant First Transit, by and through its agent and/or employee Marian K. Byrd committed one or more of the following negligent acts and/or omissions:
  - i. Crashed into the right passenger side back of the vehicle driven by Plaintiff;
  - Failed to bring the Pace Bus to a complete stop before crashing into the right passenger side back of the vehicle Plaintiff was driving;
  - iii. Drove at a speed that was excessive considering the circumstances;
  - iv. Failed to apply brakes and/or reduce speed as to avoid a collision with the vehicle Plaintiff was driving;
  - v. Failed to attempt evasive maneuvers to avoid crashing into the right passenger side back of the vehicle driven by Plaintiff;
  - vi. Failed to keep a proper lookout; and/or
  - vii. Was otherwise careless and/or negligent.
- 15. As a direct and proximate result of one or more of the foregoing negligent acts and/or omissions of defendant First Transit, by and through its agent and/or employee Marian R. Byrd, defendant's motor vehicle crashed into the right passenger side back of Plaintiff's vehicle, which caused Plaintiff suffer bodily injury, for which she experienced and is experiencing conscious pain and suffering,

loss of normal life, emotional distress, and additionally she lost wages and incurred liability for reasonable and necessary medical services.

WHEREFORE Plaintiff Jeanie A. McSwain requests that judgment be entered in her favor and against defendant First Transit Inc. as and for compensatory damages, in an amount in excess of the jurisdictional limits for assignment of this case to the Law Division, plus costs.

# COUNT II - NEGLIGENCE (Jeanie A. McSwain v. Marian R. Byrd)

- 16. Plaintiff realleges paragraphs 1-11 of this complaint as if fully set forth herein.
- 17. Defendant Marian R. Byrd, owed a duty of reasonable care to all other road users in the operation of the Pace Bus, including plaintiff Jeanie McSwain.
- 18. In violation of the aforementioned duty, defendant Marian R. Byrd committed one or more of the following negligent acts and/or omissions:
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     by Plaintiff as she had the right of way to turn;
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| Defendants   |          |

# ILL. SUP. CT. R. 222(b) AFFIDAVIT

I, DANIEL WATKINS, II, hereby aver, subject to penalties provided by 735 ILCS 5/1-109, that I am one of the attorneys for plaintiffs in the above cause and, as such, have knowledge of the following:

In this civil action, plaintiffs seek damages in excess of \$50,000.00.

/s/ Daniel Watkins, II
Daniel Watkins, II, Attorney

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